

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4958
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NATIONAL HANDICAPPED WELFARE FUND
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have created National Handicapped Welfare Fund for creating services, education, training, physical and economic rehabilitation of disabled persons;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount made available for the purpose along with the total grant received since its inception;
- (d) whether the funds have not been utilized properly for want of finalisation of schemes to be funded there from;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the draft features of the schemes proposed to be funded out of this fund in the country and particularly in Maharashtra?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

- (a)&(b) The National Handicapped Welfare Fund subsequently renamed as National Fund for People with Disabilities was created on 11.8.1983 with the object to promote voluntary sector for creating services for the handicapped for prevention and early detection of disabilities, education, training, physical and economic rehabilitation of disabled persons and to do all other things those are incidental and conducive to the above objects.
- (c) A token contribution of Rs. 1.00 lakh was made by the Govt. of India. A contribution of Rs. 2.50 crore was also received from the Implementation Committee of Jawaharlal Nehru Centenary Celebrations on 26.5.1989 towards the fund.
- (d) No Sir;
- (e) Does not arise.
- (f) Under the guidelines of the scheme registered voluntary organizations having a good track record, autonomous organisations and self-help organisations of people with disabilities are eligible for financial assistance for undertaking programmes for rehabilitation of persons with disabilities.